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INFO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 2843

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: THE ROK AND THE VIETNAMESE: WHO AND ADB

REF: (A) SEOUL 2383 (B) SEOUL 2776

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF APRIL 15 MOFA  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION CHIEF  
SIN KI-POK SAID ROK REPRESENTATIVE AT MANILA WHO  
REGIONAL MEETING MARCH 30-31 MET WITH VIETNAMESE  
REPRESENTATIVES "SEVERAL TIMES" AND VIETNAMESE  
REACTION TO PROSPECT OF RECEIVING ASSISTANCE FROM  
ROKG  
THROUGHWHO WAS "NOT ADVERSE". SIN SAID  
VIETNAMESE TOLD ROK DEL THAT VIETNAM  
"WOULD NOT OBJECT" TO ASSISTANCE FROM ROK AND THAT  
THEY WERE PREPARED TO "LET BYGONES BY BYGONES".

2. SIN POINTED OUT THAT VIETNAMESE REPRESENTATIVES  
WERE TECHNICAISN RATHER THAN POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVES  
AND THEREFORE ROKG DOES NOT ATTACH EXCESSIVE POLITICAL  
SIGNIFICANCE TO THEIR REMARKS. NONETHELESS ROKG DOES,  
SAID SIN, REGARD THEIR EXPRESSION OF WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT  
ROK ASSISTANCE THROUGH WHO AS A HOPEFUL INDICATION OF  
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POSSIBILITY OF IMPROVED RELATIONS IN THE FUTURE.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH ECON COUNS APRIL 16, FINANCE  
MINISTRY FOREIGN INVESTMENT BUREAU DIRECTOR CHONG IN-YONG,  
WHO WILL BE ROK DEL TO ANNUAL ADB MEETING IN  
JAKARTA, SAID THAT WHILE ROK WOULD PREFER TO AVAOID  
HAVING VIETNAMESE SELECTED AS ALTERNATE DIRECTOR  
OR ROK, ROC, SOUTH VIETNAM GROUP AND IS PREPARED TO  
CONSULT WITH US DEL AFTER ARRIVAL IN JAKARTA ON THIS  
SUBJECT, ROKG DOES NOT BELIEVE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO  
DEFER FOR LONG APPOINTMENT OF VIETNAMESE TO THIS POSITION  
AS WAS SUGGESTED BY FINANCE MINISTER KIM YONG-WAN. THIS  
REPRESENTS SLIGHT CHANGE FROM ROK POSITION REPORTED REF B,  
FOR WHICH CHONG DID NOT VOLUNTEER EXPLANATION.  
COMMENT: CONTINUED PRESENCE OF UNREPARTRIATED ROK  
NATIONALS IN SAIGON, INCLUDING ROK DIPLOMATS, IS  
OBVIOUSLY OF SUBSTANTIAL ROKG CONCERN AND MAY ACCOUNT  
IN SOME MEASURE FOR ROK CONCILIATORY ATTITUDE TOWARD  
VIETNAMESE. WE HAVE NO INDICATIONS AS YET HOWEVER THAT  
ANY QUID PRO QUOS HAVE BEEN OPENLY SUGGESTED, LET ALONE  
WORKED OUT.  
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